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SUBJECT: LABOR PARTY POLICY ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

1. EMBASSY IS REPORTING SEPARATELY ON APPROACHING CRUNCH IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG ISRAEL'S TOP LABOR PARTY PERSONALITIES OVER COMROMISE IN PARTY POLICY TOWARD OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO MOLLIFY DAYAN. WHILE THERE IS NO CERTAINTY ARGUMENT WILL BE RESOLVED THIS WEEK, DAYAN CAMPAIGN HAS SUDDENLTY GATHERED CONSIDERABLE STEAM, MRS MEIR SURELY IS TIRED OF WHAT SHE CONSIDERS UNSIGHTLY DEBATE AND WANTS IT TO END, AND MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 9 IS DESCRIBED AS FINAL ONE.

2. FROM VIEWPONT OF US INTERESTS, PROBABLY WORST RESULT THAT COULD EMERGE WOULD BE ISSUANCE OF LABOR PARTY DOCUMENT AUGUST 9 CALLING FOR (A) ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDIUM-SIZED ISRAELI TOWN (YAMIT) OVER NEXT FEW YEARS ON EGYPTIAN MEDITERRANEAN COAST NEAR OLD SINAI-GAZA LINE; (B) AUTHORIZATION FOR LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ISRAELI PURCHASES OF WEST BANK LAND; AND (C) FUNDING OF ADDITIONAL SMALL ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. AND DOCUMENT MIGHT BE MUCH MORE GENERAL OR MODERATE THAN THIS. DOCUMENT PRESUMABLY WOULD BE DESCRIBED AS SOMETHING OTHER THAN PORTION OF LABOR PARTY PLATFORM FOR COMING ELECTIONS BUT WOULD AMOUNT TO NEW PLAN IN PLATFORM, CONSTITUTING IMPORTANT REFINEMENT OF GENERALIZED TERMS OF (LARGELY UNIMPLEMENTD) 1969
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LABOR PARTY PLATFORM ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL NEED TO REVIEW EFFECT OF SUCH DEVELOPMENT ON US AREA INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER WHETHER USG APPROACH TO ISRAELIS

IS NEEDED. EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO JUDGE WHETHER USG APPROACH
WOULD APPRECIABLY ALTER TREND OF EVENTS, BUT PRESUMABLY IT WOULD
LEND AT LEAST SOME AMMUNITION TO MODERATES. AT THE LEAST IT
WOULD AVOID GOI MISINTERPRETING OUR SILENCE AS APPROVAL. IT IS
WORTH NOTING THAT BOTH EBAN AND BAR-LEV ARE
ABSENT FROM ISRAEL THIS WEEK, MEANING THAT RANKS OF
MODERATES WHO HAVE SPOKEN UP AGAINST DAYAN ON THIS ISSUE IN
RECENT DAYS ARE DEPLETED.
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